General Information

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4

Prerequisites
Admission to MAppLingTESOL or MAappLing

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Language learning beyond the language classroom plays a crucial role in the development of high levels of language proficiency. Increasing attention to language learning beyond the classroom is also influencing thinking on key concepts in Second Language Acquisition (SLA) research that have hitherto been based largely on classroom research. In this course, students will explore recent research on language learning beyond the classroom, and examine its impact on SLA. Emphasising an ecological view of relationships between out-of-class learning and in-class learning, the course will cover the roles of intentional and incidental learning inside and outside the classroom, debates on the need for instruction in SLA, and the implications of research on language learning beyond the classroom for our understanding of the concepts of autonomy, learning strategies and motivation.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/

Learning Outcomes

1. Articulate the contribution of in-class and out-of-class activities to their own second language learning
2. Explain key terms and concepts that have been developed to account for language learning beyond the classroom
3. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of distinctions between intentional and incidental, explicit and implicit learning and their application to a range of in-class and out-of-class learning activities.
4. Critically evaluate research literature on autonomy, learning strategies and motivation from the perspective of language learning beyond the classroom.
5. Apply a theoretical understanding of ecologies of language learning to the learning of a particular individual or group of language learners

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Language learning history**

**Due:** 14/03/2016  
**Weighting:** 20%

Write your own language learning history, focusing on the relative contributions of in-class and out-of-class activities to your learning of one or more second or foreign languages.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Articulate the contribution of in-class and out-of-class activities to their own second language learning

**Concept check**

**Due:** 15/04/2016  
**Weighting:** 30%

An online, short-answer quiz on concepts introduced in the first 6 sessions of the course.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Explain key terms and concepts that have been developed to account for language learning beyond the classroom
Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of distinctions between intentional and incidental, explicit and implicit learning and their application to a range of in-class and out-of-class learning activities.

Independent research project
Due: 27/06/2016
Weighting: 50%

A report describing and analyzing the language learning of an individual or group of language learners from a language ecology perspective. The report should include a short literature review on key terms and theoretical concepts (500-750 words). The main body of the report should be based on an independent research project and consist of an analytical description of the individual’s/group’s language learning, based on observation, interview or survey data.

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Delivery and Resources
2 hour interactive lecture (recorded)
Online discussion forum

Students are expected to read the assigned readings before each lecture. All readings are available online through the University Library catalogue.

Unit Schedule
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<td>Experiences and key concepts</td>
<td>Language learning histories; the roles of in-class and out-of-class learning</td>
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<td>Mapping language learning beyond the classroom</td>
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<td>08 Apr</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>Motivation and identity</td>
<td>How are researchers are rethinking language learning motivation in the light of new ideas on identity and learning beyond the classroom?</td>
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| C | Settings                                      | How is language learning related to settings and resources? What roles do learners play in seeking out or creating their own contexts for learning? | Palfreyman (2014)  
Menezes (2011) |
|---|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
Kuure (2011) |
| 06 May | 8. Spaces and places | A closer look at the social dimensions of language learning beyond the classroom from the perspective of social network theory                                                                                                             | Palfreyman (2011)  
Kurata (2010) |
| 20 May | 10. Learning in and out-of-class | How are language learners using new technologies to learn languages? Are they doing more that we think?                                                                                                                                             | Sockett and Toffoli (2012)  
Lamy and Mangenot (2013) |
Osborne (2014) |
Research issues in language learning beyond the classroom | What are the challenges involved in researching learning beyond the classroom and what research methods are most appropriate? | Richards (2015)

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

Results

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)
Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Apply a theoretical understanding of ecologies of language learning to the learning of a particular individual or group of language learners

Assessment task

- Independent research project
PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

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Assessment tasks

- Concept check
- Independent research project

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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Assessment tasks
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• Concept check
• Independent research project

PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability
Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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Assessment task
• Independent research project

PG - Effective Communication
Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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**PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens**

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Apply a theoretical understanding of ecologies of language learning to the learning of a particular individual or group of language learners

**Assessment task**

- Independent research project

**Pre-readings**


